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For the Reichsminister personally.

I. Foreign Minister agrees to the establishment of a more direct connection with the Chinese Government via the German Embassy in Hankow and Tokyo and the more so since he welcomed an instruction received by the Chinese Ambassador here from his government to establish close contact with me and since he answered my question whether he would agree to such an exchange of ideas in the affirmative.

II. In this connection, the Foreign Minister stated very seriously and emphatically that Japanese Government must now insist upon a quick reply of the Chinese Government. It has confidential and reliable information that the Chinese Government has informed third governments (England and America) of the peace conditions and has asked for their advice. Conversation in this connection has taken place between Roosevelt and the Chinese Ambassador WONG. Japan can not suffer that an international discussion develops about the conditions and that China is influenced from the most diverse sides. The indiscretions of the Press are partly based upon this. The attitude of China is the more open to attack, as Chiang Kai-shek himself demanded unconditional secrecy of the negotiations. Quick reply is also necessary because new military operations are planned.